

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0773 **Title:** Specific Procedure for Special Election on HB 355
Primary Sponsor: Bob Lake **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2003 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:			
Other	\$33,410	\$0	\$0
Revenue:			
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
X		Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Secretary of State

1. The Secretary of State (SOS) is responsible for the printing the Voter Information Pamphlets.
2. The SOS will print 450,000 voter information pamphlets for distribution by counties.
3. The voter information pamphlet will contain the entire text of the measure as well as arguments for and against passage.
4. Since the election will be held in FY 2003, the costs will be incurred entirely during this fiscal year.
5. The Secretary of State will publish a notice of the close of voter registration in 67 newspapers statewide specifying the day registration will close at least one week before the close of voter registration.

Department of Justice

6. There is no fiscal impact.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Secretary of State	FY 2003 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2004 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2005 <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Operating Expenses	\$33,410	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>			
Other	\$33,410	\$0	\$0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

1. The counties will be responsible for mailing the 450,000 voter information pamphlets to registered voters at a cost of \$0.25 each for a total of \$112,500.
2. The last statewide ballot issue cost in excess of \$800,000 in actual election costs. Assuming actual election costs would be slightly higher, this bill would impose nearly \$1 million in election costs upon counties. This bill may be in conflict with 1-2-112 and -114, MCA, which prohibit introduction of a bill that requires a local government unit to perform an activity without a means to finance it.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. If this bill passes on the last day of session, the time frame will be extremely tight to have the ballot and the voter information pamphlet printed and distributed to the voters.